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SAXMUNDHAM URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1958

To : The Chairman and Members of the Saxmundham Urban
District Council:

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you a Report on the Health and Sanitary State of the District for the Year 1958.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

D. W. RYDER RICHARDSON.



EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS:-

	TOTAL	Male	Female
<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>			
Legitimate	24	13	11
Illegitimate	-	-	-
<u>Birth Rate : 16.6</u>			
<u>DEATHS.</u>	12	5	7
<u>Death Rate : 8.3</u>			
Deaths from Puerperal Causes		None	
Deaths of Infants under 1 year old		None	
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks old		None	
Deaths from Cancer		3	
Deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough, Diarrhoea, Under 2 years' old		None	

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

There was no special incidence of any Infectious Disease during the year. Six cases of pneumonia were notified; one, a male aged 72 years, died.

No cases of tuberculosis were notified during the year. There were no deaths from this disease during the year.

WATER SUPPLY:

Sufficient water of very good quality continued to be supplied from the Blyth R.D.C. Waterworks on Rendham Road. One borehole at this source showed evidence of drying up during the year. A fresh boring at Benhall was proposed to meet the increasing needs of the Area.

SEWERAGE:

Conversion of the Sewage Works to the settlement system proceeded during the year, as outlined in my previous report. Kelsale Sewage was connected during the year.

1. HOUSING.

(a)	No: of Houses inspected	37
(b)	No: unsatisfactory	21
(c)	No: rendered fit:	
	(1) Informal	10
	(2) Formal - Public Health Acts	-
	(3) Formal - Housing Acts	4
(d)	No: of Demolition Orders secured	-
(e)	No: dwellings included in Clearance Orders secured	-
(f)	No: demolished informally	1
	No: demolished under (d) above	-
	No: demolished under (e) above	-
(g)	No: of dwellings in respect of which or part of which Closing Orders were made (including Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953)	-
(h)	No: cases of overcrowding known to exist at end of 1958	-
(i)	No: cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	-
(j)	Total No: new houses erected:	
	(i) by Local Authority	-
	(ii) by private enterprise	3
(k)	No: of new houses allocated for slum clearance	-
(l)	No: of new houses in 1959 estimates allocated for slum clearance	-
(m)	No: of Improvement Grants approved during the year	2

2. FOOD PREMISES.

Number of Food Premises in the area, and type of business:

Grocers	7
Fishmongers	1
Bakers	1
Butchers	2
Snack Bars	1
Cafes	1
Greengrocers	2
Confectioners	5
	20

(a)	No: of premises inspected	6
(b)	No: of inspections made	6
(c)	No: found to be unsatisfactory	1
(d)	No: rendered satisfactory:	
	(1) Informally	-
	(2) Formally	-
(e)	No: of premises registered under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955:	
	(1) Ice Cream - Manufacture	-
	Storage or Sale only	5
	(2) Sausages, preserved food, etc.	-

(f)	No: of Ice Cream samples taken for bacteriological examination	-
	No: of samples found to be unsatisfactory	-
(g)	No: of Dairies Registered	1
(h)	No: of Milk Dealers Licences issued:-	
	(i) Pasteurised	2
	(ii) Tuberculin Tested	3
	(iii) Sterilised	1
(i)	No: of licensed slaughter houses	2

3. FOOD INSPECTION.

(a) Meat Inspected.

Is 100% inspection being carried out : YES

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed :	273	-	20	384	529	-
Number inspected :	273	-	20	384	529	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	11	-	-	-	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci.	4.029	-	-	-	.378	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3	-	-	-	8	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	1.099	-	-	-	1.512	-

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refri- geration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brief Analysis of "other causes" :-						
Pyrexia, Parasitic, Urticaria, Cirrhosis						

(b) Other Foods condemned:-

1½ lb. forehock of bacon.

7 x 2½ lb. tins of Plums = 17 lb. 8 ozs.

Method of Disposal of Condemned Food:-

Meat : Suffolk Fat & Bone Co.

Other Foods : Refuse Tip.

4. PUBLIC HEALTH (GENERAL).

Moveable Dwellings.

No: of site licences	-	No: of Individual Licences	-
No: of Inspections during the year	(a) Sites	.....	-
	(b) Dwellings	.....	-
No: of contraventions remedied	.....		-

Rats & Mice Destruction.

No: of premises treated :	(a) Dwelling houses	.....	20
	(b) Other premises	.....	4
No: of premises inspected	.....		486
Rat Infestation: Major	.....		10
Minor	.....		98

Mice only	-
No: treated	108
No: of block treatments	22

Disinfection etc.

No: of premises disinfected	-
No: of premises disinfecting	-

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Frequency of collection	Weekly
Method of disposal	Refuse tip
Is night soil collection undertaken?	No
Is cesspool emptying undertaken?	No

Water Supply.

No: of water samples taken for:

Bacteriological examination	12
Chemical examination	1
Nitrates	-
Iron only	4

Drainage, etc.

No: of new sewer connections made	4
No: of conversions to W.C. (Public Health Act, 1936, Section 47)	-

5. SHOPS ACT, 1950 (SECTION 38).

No: of shops inspected	7
Contravention found	1
Contravention remedied	1

6. FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948.

No: of Factories without mechanical power	4
No: of Factories with mechanical power	18
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	4
Total	<u>26</u>

	Factories without mechanical power	Factories with mechanical power	Other Premises
No: of inspections	-	4	3
Cases in which defects were found	-	1	-
No: of written notices	-	1	-
Cases in which defects were remedied	-	1	-

